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STUDENT GOVERNING ASSOCIATION

Senate passes 3-year privilege fee increase

Jakki Thompson
assistant news editor

Student senators approved and passed legislation for Lafene Health Center at the Student Governing Association meeting on Thursday night.

The legislation, which was introduced two weeks ago, will result in a 5 percent increase in privilege fee funds in the 2012-13 school year and a 4 percent privilege fee increase in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years. The funds will go to maintain Lafene and will help the clinic avoid having to cut hours or positions.

The Children's and Adolescent Literature Community received the a \$2,000 allocation to host The Hallows and Horcruxes Ball at the K-State Alumni Center on March 10. This event has traditionally received funding to serve as a sober alter-

native to Fake Patty's Day.

With a unanimous vote, the National Art Education Association received its entire requested amount of \$300 for three members to attend a national conference in New York City from March 1-4.

Even though the African Student Union will host its event off campus at the Manhattan City Hall, ASU was approved the recommended amount of \$800 to host African Night on March 31. The event will include native dances, dramas and native African dishes.

Student senators also unanimously voted to allocate \$1,405.50 to the Muslim Student Association. The funding will sponsor speaker Rhajan Couram, executive director of education for United Muslim Masjid in Philadelphia. The event aims to invalidate misconceptions about Muslims and the Islamic faith.

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Healthy lifestyle requires attention in all areas, especially diet

Haley Rose
staff writer

The topic of wellness is on a lot of discussion tables these days, whether because of a national campaign or a newly-published research article. Wellness can mean something different to everyone, but after combing through the vast bulk of articles and thousands of opinions, a pattern emerges.

Beneath the debates over whether or not wheat products are good for you and how much dairy should be consumed in a day, there's a common foundation upon which most professionals and opinionated citizens can agree.

One of the elements of this common ground, and perhaps the largest, is that "wellness" is a lifestyle. A common mistake many well-intentioned exercisers make is to assume that if they go jogging once a week or eat celery on the weekends, they are practicing healthy habits.

One of the two real powerhouses of wellness is something most people know, but don't abide by — a healthy diet.

Healthy eating doesn't mean less food, it means the right kind of food.

"Avoid a 'good food/bad food' mentality," said Dianna Schalles, nutritionist at Lafene Health Center. "All foods can fit in a healthy diet. The key is moderation and balance. Focus on nutrient-rich foods you enjoy, but don't totally deprive yourself either."

Diets that are high in fiber, protein and complex carbohydrates are typically recommended for young adults. This means high fruits and vegetables, lean meats and plant proteins and whole-grain foods. Remember, carbs aren't all bad — carbs are actually a very necessary

part of daily nutrition intake — just make sure they are the right kind of carbs such as whole wheat and whole grain, or vegetable carbs.

Schalles also warns against following quick weight-loss schemes and fad diets. The most effective way to stay healthy is simply to eat well and stick to it.

A quick and easy tip to think about when eating is color. Color variety is a good way to gauge the amount of nutrients on a plate. Things like yellow and orange bell peppers, tomatoes, blueberries and green vegetables bring a lot of color to a meal, as well as a lot of nutrients.

"When you sit down and eat a meal, half of it should be filled with fruits and or vegetables," said Virginia Barnard, city extension agent and family and consumer sciences agent with the K-State Research and Extension offices. "If it's not, you need to think about your food choices."

Another large part of the diet component of wellness is how often to eat. Three meals in a day, spread out over breakfast, lunch and dinner is good, but to maintain a high metabolism, eating more often can be beneficial.

"Fuel your body regularly," Schalles said. "No more than three to five hours between a meal or snack. Eat when you are hungry, stop when you are full. This fuels metabolism, gives you adequate energy to exercise and helps prevent binge-eating."

One more diet rule that both Barnard and Schalles recommend is to think before you drink. Lots of sugary and high-calorie drinks are full of empty, unnecessary calories and take your body on an energy rollercoaster ride. Make water your No. 1 choice.

The other powerhouse of



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full-body wellness is exercise, something most people recognize is important, but don't follow through with. If you're looking for real physical fitness, a considerable amount of effort will have to be put into attaining it.

"Incorporate a whole body fitness plan," said Lisa Krehbiel, senior in kinesiology and gerontology and part of the fitness team at the Peters Recreation Complex. "That includes cardiovascular, strength, flexibility and balance training."

However, if people aren't looking for something as intense as a full-body workout, doing simple things on a daily basis can improve health.

"For students, I would say incorporating things like

walking to class and using stairs instead of an elevator," Krehbiel said. "Also, get involved; in a college setting there are a lot of different opportunities to get involved with other people like a sport or a club."

Other aspects of total-body health that people rarely think about include environmental factors, such as keeping your living space clean, washing bed sheets on a regular basis, using clean dishes and breathing fresh air.

"I know it sounds simple," Barnard said, "but hand washing is one of the best things people can do to stay healthy. Research proves it. That would be No. 1 on my list."

Adequate sleep is also a

huge part of staying healthy. Most research and health professionals direct young adults to get at least six to eight hours of sleep per night, and some people need more. Sleep is when your body does most of its repairing from daily activities and is vital in keeping up energy levels and maintaining proper brain function.

Mental and emotional health are included as part of the whole, full-body wellness concept. These aspects can be vastly different for everyone, but for the most part, include maintaining healthy relationships and exercising the brain regularly. Doing homework or solving a puzzle instead of watching hours of television can be sufficient to keep a brain

active.

Keep track of daily activities, how much food you consume in a day and how much exercise and activity is included in a daily routine.

"I think if [students] would take the time to write down what they're actually eating and how much activity they're getting," Barnard said, "they would be shocked at how much they're sitting around and how unhealthy their diet is."

According to Schalles, the most important point to remember when considering living a healthy lifestyle aimed at wellness is, rather than dieting and over-exercising, adopt a mentality of balanced eating and activity customized to fit your lifestyle.



Corey Vaughan, sophomore in agronomy, poses with two fresh kills in Rose Hill, Kan., on Jan. 8. Photo courtesy of **Sarah Vaughan**.

Coyote hunting popular pastime for Kansans

Briana Caspers
contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

In Kansas, coyotes are considered non-game and non-furbearers; this means that licensed hunters can shoot them year-round without facing any penalties. There are no fees to hunt them and no limit to how many one hunter can take in a set amount of time.

Coyotes have traditionally been considered a nuisance to Kansas residents, especially those working in the livestock industry, so keeping their populations under control is favorable.

Corey Vaughan, sophomore in agronomy, knows firsthand how coyotes can cause problems. At age 12, he began coyote hunting when some coyotes began killing cattle, especially calves, on his family farm near Rose Hill, Kan.

"At first, my dad tried to chase them off with a four-wheeler, then we started picking them off with rifles," Vaughan said. "They are really thick where we live. Not only were they bothering our livestock, they were interfering with our deer and turkey hunts."

To solve this, Vaughan began intentionally hunting for coyotes. To do so, he locates a dead calf, one preferably near a tree line, finds a thicket downwind and then uses a distress call to get the coyotes' attention. From there, he just waits for one to

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Ethan Ediger
sophomore in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management

circle around, attracted by the scent.

"Get a good call and get familiar with it," Vaughan said. "And for beginners, it is best to set up near a bait pile."

Hunters can purchase bait, but it is not always necessary. Anything from a dead calf to excess products from a butcher can serve as bait, or even the leftovers after field dressing a deer.

Vaughan takes his dead coyotes to a friend who owns a taxidermy shop. There, he gets

them skinned. He usually sells the pelts but has kept a few for himself over the years.

Along with the need for population control, the lax regulations of coyote hunting make it a popular pastime among hunters. Ethan Ediger, sophomore in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, has taken coyote hunting to a new level by participating in local competitions. He has competed in two so far and won first place in one.

"The challenges of hunting and outsmarting a predator, like a coyote, makes it the most fast-paced, adrenaline-pumping and heart-pounding kind of hunting out there," Ediger said.

Over the past 15 years, Ediger has killed a total of 80 coyotes.

Steve Criner of Bolivar, Mo., has also been hunting coyotes for the past 15 years. He is the 2010 World Predator Calling Champion and once took 76 coyotes in one season. Criner is currently a full-time pro-staff member for Hunter's Specialties, a company that develops products for the hunting industry. He conducts seminars around the nation for Hunter's Specialties and also films for the "Operation Predator" and "Primetime Bucks" video series. Criner divulged his secrets to coyote hunting in an interview.

"A coyote can pinpoint the squeak of a mouse, within 10 feet, from a quarter mile away," he said.

Criner's top five secrets for coyote hunting

1

Always be able to see downwind - 99 percent of the time a coyote will use its nose to approach prey from downwind.

2

The location of a coyote stand is only as good as the population in the area. Take time to scout and know where the coyotes are.

3

Once you know where the coyotes are, figure out when and why they are there. Get to know the population.

4

If you are using an electronic call, make sure it produces good, natural sounds.

5

Be very quiet when approaching the stand.

'Outlander' delivers compelling historical fiction, political intrigue

"Outlander"
★★★★★
Book review by Kaylea Pallister

Just let me start by saying that I am, in no way, going to do this book or this series justice in my review. "Outlander," the first book in the "Outlander" series by Diana Gabaldon is simply too complex with layers of historical fact and fic-

tion, heartbreakingly realistic characters and an expertly crafted storyline to adequately describe in approximately 800 words. But I will try to do my best.

Let's start out with the author. As noted on the cover of my copy of "Outlander," Diana Gabaldon holds three different degrees from two different institutions. She received a bachelor's degree in zoology, a master's in marine biology and a doctorate in ecology, and yet has written seven books in a series best described as historical fiction with a touch of fantasy, and several other novels besides. Needless to say, I'm impressed.

To be honest, though, I was a touch skeptical when I first picked up the book, as I am with many. I was afraid that the historical fiction novel had been overdone and I'd be stuck with a painfully cheesy, historically inaccurate mess. I was glad to find out that this was not the case.

Shortly after World War II, Claire Randall, a newly-

married English woman and army nurse in her late twenties, travels with her husband, Frank Randall, to Scotland. A historian, Frank delves into academic projects with fervor, and in this case, information on Frank's long-dead ancestor, a certain "Black Jack" Randall.

In the course of the visit, Claire journeys out to the standing stones, a group of monolithic slabs of rock arranged in a circular pattern, not so dissimilar to the well-known Stonehenge. She and Frank learn that pagan rituals are still performed at this site, the home of several interesting specimens of plant life, which Claire, an amateur botanist, wants to collect.

When Claire returns to the standing stones, she ventures close to one of the massive stones, experiences a bone-deep, intensely disorienting buzzing and, upon waking from fainting, has the uncanny feeling that something isn't quite right. The landscape resembles what she saw a minute ago, but there's something different.

A man resembling her hus-

band approaches her, but then a group of Scotsmen appear and, well, remove the man, who claims to be Black Jack Randall. Jamie Fraser, one of the Scottish men, is wounded, and Claire attends to his injury using her 20th-century medicinal knowledge. Unbeknownst to Claire, Jamie will become more involved in her life than she could ever imagine.

Traveling with the group to a Scottish castle, Claire rationally sorts through the bits of information available to her, trying to understand what actually happened to her, where she is and when she is. Reaching the castle, at least a few of her suspicions are confirmed upon seeing a letter dated 1743.

A variety of complications ensue; there's no love lost between the Scottish and the English, so Claire's British accent makes her an immediate target for suspicion, as well as her knowledge of modern medicine, which many promptly dismiss as witchcraft.

To avoid additional issues with the aggravatingly reappearing Black Jack Randall,

Claire marries Jamie, much to the displeasure of 16-year-old Laoghaire MacKenzie, who believes she is in love with Jamie. I'll just say that this isn't the last you'll see of Laoghaire, although you'll wish it were.

Despite the shotgun nature of their wedding, Claire and Jamie develop a relationship, one that gives Claire some sense of security in a world some 200 years before her own. I don't want to provide any spoilers, so I'll refrain from saying whether or not Claire returns to her own time; just remember that time traveling is a tricky thing.

James Alexander Malcolm MacKenzie Fraser is another complex character nearly impossible to contain in a few descriptive sentences. Due to the childhood death of his brother Willie, Jamie inherits the familial estate of Lallybroch and the responsibility for the various peasant families who work the land. He has also studied in France, is proficient in a variety of languages, is lethally trained in combat and, at well over 6 feet in height with flaming red hair, makes quite

the entrance. Unfortunately, many of those characteristics put him in terribly dangerous situations, more than a few of which should have cost him his life.

The historical elements, the political intrigue and a delightfully intertwined plotline combined with these tremendous characters make this novel absolutely impossible to put down. As with the best novels, I found myself emotionally invested in these characters; when something horrible happened, I got upset, when heart-wrenching events unfolded, my eyes watered up despite my best intentions.

I like a book that can irritate me, intrigue me, make me sad and amazed all at the same time because I think that's the mark of a good writer. When I'm reading a book that plays out in my mind as smoothly as watching a movie, well, what more could a writer or reader ask for? Five out of five stars.

Kaylea Pallister is attending graduate school fall 2012. Please send comments to edge@kstatelcollegian.com.

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Many people have also noticed the lack of their favorite brands and other goods they wish they could get locally on short notice. For example, have you seen all of the long skateboards on campus? Long-boarders complain (and justifiably so) that no one in town stocks what they need to keep their skateboards in good working order.

What's wrong with Manhattan? Why aren't there more (and better paying) jobs? Why can't we get whatever we want conveniently for the lowest price offered anywhere? Who is to blame? Government? Manufacturers? Merchants? Employers? All of the above?

Who indeed?

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Foreign exchange crucial to US economic, political success



Andy Rao

In 2009, one of my best friends, Hrishikesh, received a full ride scholarship to the University of Michigan. He is currently majoring in aerospace engineering and is doing quite well.

Hrishi is different than most students here, however, because he is originally from India and lived overseas until just two years ago.

International students like Hrishi come to the United States by the thousands every year in hopes of receiving an American education. The U.S. witnessed the enrollment rate for first-time international students at graduate schools grow 8 percent from 2010 to 2011, according to a Nov. 13, 2011 New York Times

article by Rebecca Appel.

Those who are opposed to growing university internationalization often point at the fact that international students are awarded loads of scholarship money. These scholarship dollars, they contend, are given to students who have not paid any taxes and often rob local students of much needed financial aid.

All I have to say is, they are right. The opponents of internationalization, however, fail to see the benefits that expanding internationally bring and tend to focus only on value calculated in dollars and cents.

International students are vital to the success of not just K-State, but every university in the country. There are several reasons for encouraging internationalization, including a variety of monetary, political and cultural benefits that both the U.S. and countries involved in foreign exchange receive.

Just as U.S. students study abroad to build a base of experiences, foreign students do the same. The U.S. is currently falling behind in math and science, but many foreign students bring math and science expertise to their respective institutions. According to a July 8, 2010, article by Karin Fischer in The Chronicle, 44 percent of foreign college students are enrolled science and/or engineering fields. America needs help, and much of that help is given to us by foreign students.

Another benefit of internationalization is that the interdependence that results fosters political good will between nations. The heightened tensions in the past decade between the U.S. and several Middle Eastern countries that have regularly boiled over could largely be attributed to a lack of education and awareness on the part of all parties. The more involved that students are in

foreign exchange, the more they can study, learn, embrace and immerse themselves in other environments, which will undoubtedly help eradicate the twisted picture that people of different nationalities often harbor against each other.

The more people explore and venture into new and uncharted waters, and the more they allow new and different people into their worlds, the more they are exposed to different perspectives, new ways of thinking, new foods, music, art, commerce, industries and much more. Diversity and cultural exploration is absolutely crucial to society's progress; imagine what kind of people we would be if our communities were completely homogenous. The diverse cultural exchanges that happen as a result of internationalization make people's lives richer and more interesting and broaden horizons for all involved.

Internationalization lets both the

United States and countries involved in foreign exchange form a symbiotic relationship. Both parties have plenty to gain in terms of economic and political benefits, and the cultural exchange that it provides cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

My friend Hrishi is an example of a student that has received a quality education, a diverse college experience and a chance to be part of American society.

Hrishi has also, however, contributed to his university. Along with studying to become a aerospace engineer, he serves in leadership positions for several campus organizations, is actively involved in his fraternity Alpha Theta Omega and regularly performs community service.

It's a give and take relationship, one that is a win-win situation.

Plus, Hrishi makes really good Indian food. You can't beat that.

Andy Rao is a junior in finance and accounting. Please send all comments to opinion@kstatecollegian.com.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Be Proud



Nate Spriggs

K-Staters:

From purple pride ice-cream to the "Wabash Cannonball," we know being Wildcat is something to be proud of. We have athletic wins and academic awards, but I believe it's the students and faculty here that make the K-State experience so unique.

Founded upon the K-State family tradition, K-State Proud is all about students helping students. It takes the phrase "classmate" to the next level. In the past five years students have donated over \$450,000 to K-State Proud to help fellow students struggling to pay for school.

As a student-led organization, K-State Proud raises money solely from student efforts. Each year a number of students dedicate their time to K-State Proud, from planning events to promoting the campaign in a variety of ways. Whether you're on the advisory board, volunteering at booths across campus, or a participant of the campaign, K-State Proud is an all-campus effort working to benefit students.

If you are already involved with the campaign, I want to thank you for your time and dedication to this great cause. If you're yet to participate, I encourage you to get involved soon. Proud kicks off next week with a booth in the K-State Student Union each day from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to promote the campaign and to answer questions.

Make sure to stop by the booth to volunteer and donate. With a minimum \$10 donation, you will receive your very own K-State Proud T-shirt. The design changes from year to year and is designed by a K-State student.

Once you've donated, don't forget to wear your K-State Proud T-shirt to the men's and women's basketball games on Saturday, March 3 and White-out Bramlage in K-State Proud T-shirts. We'll see you all there.

Go Cats,
Nate Spriggs

Public universities should not accept students from countries that have bad relations with US



Sean Frye

Here on campus, there are currently 1,851 international students, consisting of 1,045 undergraduates and 717 graduate students, according to the International Student and Scholar Services page on K-State's website. During the fall 2011 semester, there were 1,856 international students. Of that number, 972 students were from Afghanistan, China, Iran, Iraq or Turkey. China had the highest number of students, with 938.

What stands out about those five countries is that the United States does not have good relations with any of those nations.

So why does K-State, or any other university in the country, willingly choose to spend money on resources to educate students who could take the knowledge they obtained back to a country the U.S. does not get along with?

Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq are not allies with the U.S. for reasons surrounding the war on terror as well as problems before that, dating back to before the Gulf War. China and its communist regime has always had a rocky relationship with the U.S. and Turkey's relationship with the U.S. has deteriorated due to Turkey's displeasure with the Iraq War.

It is disappointing to know that, while international students are an integral presence on campus, 52 percent of them come from a country that has outwardly said they do not appreciate the U.S.

According to the K-State 2011-12 fiscal year budget, which can be found on K-State's website, K-State receives \$161.8 million in state appropriations and \$9.4 million in federal land-grant funds.

In those two categories alone, the university receives \$171.2 million in tax dollars from the state of Kansas and the U.S. government.

In the fall of 2011, there were 23,863 students enrolled at K-State. Divide the total dollar amount evenly by the number of students and that shows that just over \$7,000 in government funding is being spent to educate an individual student on campus.

Multiply that by 972, and that equals out to \$6.9 million. That means nearly \$7 million in govern-



Illustration by Erin Logan

ment funding is spent to educate international students from nations that are not friendly with the U.S.

Debates rage on as to whether China is an adversary to the U.S. or not. Simply put, though, for as long as China remains under communist rule, it will be under the careful watch of the American government. In an April 30, 2011, article by Paul Kix on The Daily Beast website, the International Monetary Fund projects that China will have the world's largest economy and will be the next world superpower by 2016.

If a world superpower is under a communist regime, then they will undoubtedly

become enemies of the U.S. The Cold War, Vietnam War and Korean War were all based on stopping the spread of communism.

Do not get it twisted, I am not saying people from these countries or the students here at K-State from these countries are all evil or should be treated as such.

I had a conversation with Patrick Sweeney, head women's rowing coach, who is from Great Britain. He said in his travels around the world, he learned that people are virtually the same

everywhere and have the same basic goals, and I can respect that.

My argument is that they shouldn't have been allowed to come here and study at a public university that receives government funds.

We cannot control the agenda of private universities, as they set their own agendas.

And quite frankly, they have the right to because they fund themselves. But public universities like K-State should not be allowed to educate students from

a country which the U.S. has bad relations with, and legislation should be passed that dictates such.

I have nothing against citizens from Afghanistan, China, Iran, Iraq or Turkey. I just truly believe that nearly \$7 million of taxpayer money should not be spent to educate students who could, in the near future, become the enemy.

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Student-built race car undergoes extensive testing for competition

Rudy Date
staff writer

This is part two of a two-part story. The first part of this story ran in the Thursday, Feb. 23 edition.

Designing the car, properly structuring the team and actively garnering sponsors, donations and other forms of funding, while making sure the team is on the same page as the university, is only the warm-up. The real workout is actually constructing the race car according to the final design, testing it to make sure it works and entering it in competitions.

Parts to the Formula 1 cars are often donated from outside sponsorships, but if the team needs to buy singular parts, they financially can afford to do that.

"We can buy a part we need, which occurs least often, but most common is our material sponsorship, steel, aluminum, or carbon fiber, from which we fabricate our own parts on a mill or lathe," said Emily Jones, Powercat

Motorsports composites team leader and senior in mechanical engineering. "We do have machining sponsors for some parts that are more complex and require CNC [computer numerical control router]. They will machine material we give them into the parts we designed."

With all the parts ready to go, whether bought, sponsored or machined, the team must then build the race car itself, and test it to make sure it works according to their original design. A cycle of testing, redesigning, tweaking and retesting happens several times, similarly with any design process. The team puts the car through several rigorous tests in order to work out all the kinks, as well as a few smaller tests to fine-tune the racecar to perfection.

"Most of the testing we put the car through verifies our designs," said Eric Cunningham, president of Powercat Motorsports and junior in mechanical engineering. "Our tests include a frame twist test to find the torsional rigidity of the frame. We run the car

on a dyno [dynamometer] to find power and torque curves to see if they match our design specifications. The last main test is for the aerodynamic downforce we see at certain speed,

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Powercat Motorsports

again to verify our designs."

With the race car built and primed, the team then puts it up to its final and most important test — competitions. The main competition the team works

toward is the International SAE competition, as well as a few smaller races and shows, used mostly for practice.

"Besides our International SAE competition, which is the main event for us, we compete locally at Sports Car Club of America events in Salina, Wichita, Kansas City and Fort Riley," Jones said. "We also take our cars out for multiple public relations events for K-State as well as others, such as Kansas Speedway's NASCAR race, Kansas State Fair and the Kansas City Auto Show."

Much like the design and fabrication of the car, the International SAE competition is subdivided into seven events. Four of the events are dynamic events, while the other three are static. Dynamic events are the exciting, fast-paced race events: autocross, with three laps, endurance, with 20 laps going the other way, skidpad and acceleration. The static events consist of a business presentation, a design presentation and a cost report.

The team has been doing well in the past couple of years, and hopes to

continue their success and win the International SAE competition this year.

"Last year at competition, we got second in cost report which means we are doing a great job at getting the most bang for our buck. The team also completed an aerodynamics package on last year's car and successfully switched to 'Green Fuel- E-85,'" Cunningham said. "Also, in the past year we had two people place in the top five in points in the Salina SCCA region. I got second and Tim Mourlam got third."

Powercat Motorsports is a great way for engineering students, and even some business and accounting students, to develop a variety of leadership and engineering skills and get valuable experience. Although it is a very time-intensive process, the team is proud of what they plan to accomplish and what they have already done.

"It's pretty remarkable that a team of 20 college students can go to class, get good grades and in their spare time, build a race car," Cunningham said.

Animal science students compete in quadrathlon

Claire Carlson
staff writer

The Animal Science Quadrathlon took place this week in Weber Hall as teams competed in a variety of activities including a written exam, practical exam, topic presentations and quiz bowl rounds. This year's winners included Bethany Boyer, Lindsey Paterson, Kacey Carson and David Hanks, all seniors in animal sciences and industry.

"We're so excited," Paterson said. "This is our third year competing."

The champion team will continue on and represent K-State at the Midwest Regional Quadrathlon competition in Iowa later in March.

Seventeen teams of four players apiece registered for the quadrathlon. Participants are mostly animal science majors but the competition was open to students of all majors.

On Monday evening, participants gathered as teams completed a 22-page written exam testing their knowledge. Questions on the exam ranged from Latin names of animals to percent feed calculations. Teams had an hour to complete the exam.

As soon as the written exam was completed, teams competed in the lab practical portion. There were nine different stations and teams had 15 minutes at each stop. The nine stations included meats judging, lab identification, beef, swine, sheep and horse feed, companion animals and poultry.

"The quadrathlon teaches life skills, like chicken judging, that I'm sure to use later in life," said Cole Gardiner, freshman in animal sciences and industry.

Some of the tasks teams were given included labeling intestines of chickens, feeling wool from sheep and ranking them highest to lowest, identifying all parts of a horse saddle, identifying common feed ingredients and judging pork and beef.

On Tuesday night, teams competed in quiz bowl rounds as well as presenting group presentations to a panel of judges. In the quiz bowl round, contests fielded 40 questions and each person had five seconds to press their buzzer. The first

person to press their buzzer had the opportunity to answer the question for their team. However, players could not get help from their team unless it was a rare bonus question. A correct answer won 10 points, but an incorrect answer lost the team five points.

"They had to answer questions from a variety of topics within animal science. We had several tough but close matches," said Andrea Sexton, assistant professor in animal sciences and industry.

Teams also created presentations on a variety of topics concerning the animal science industry and presented them to a panel on Tuesday night. Topics included were Environmental Protection Agency oversight of confined animal feeding operations, contributions of animal agriculture to global warming, Food Safety Inspection Service declaration of beef adulterants and the reversal of the five-year ban on equine slaughter.

Some teams made skits while others used PowerPoint presentations and hand-outs for the presentation portion of the competition. After the presentations, judges asked questions to test participants. The champion team for the oral presentations chose the horse slaughter topic.

"We felt like it was important and a big economic event that we should have knowledge about," said Hannah McCabe, junior in animal sciences and industry.

The top two teams from both the quiz bowl round and the topic presentation round competed in front of the entire group at finals night, which was held last night in the K-State Alumni Center.

There were a few questions in the final round that neither team could answer. Two of them included: "What is the normal body temperature of a growing pig?" and "Wool is high in what fiber?"

Fourth and Pomeroy Associates Inc., an animal feed manufacturer from Clay Center, Kan., sponsored the quadrathlon. The top two teams in each category won Varney's gift cards. The overall quadrathlon winners received custom belt buckles with the K-State powercat and will continue competition in March.

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ministration, received a 24 from the judges.

"It was a lot of fun watching you two," said Blair Kocher, judge and senior in management, to Smriga and Galloway. "There was a lot of fun and determination."

McCarty and her partner, Chris Zimmerman, junior in music education, danced the waltz to the song "Hallelujah," by The Canadian Tenors. The judges awarded them a score of 27, tying for the second-highest score. However, two judges awarded them a 10, while Ollington only gave a 7.

"The lifts were really strong," Ollington said. "But there was some tweaking that could have been done."

Members of the audience were impressed with the performances and said that the participants put on an entertaining show.

"I think everybody did a pretty good job," said Melvin Fatimehin, junior in political science. "This was my first time coming to this event. Damien and Sophia shut it down with everything. But everybody did a really good job."

Kocher said one aspect that made the event suc-



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Bill Smriga, director of the K-State Student Union, and **Janet Galloway**, junior in business administration, chose to salsa dance to "Lady in Red" by Junior Gonzalez for their performance at Dancing with the K-State Stars in McCain Auditorium on Thursday night.

cessful was that there were no noticeable technical difficulties, wardrobe malfunctions or anything of the sort. Also, according to Kocher,

the level of talent at the event was the highest it has ever been.

"This was by far the best year I've seen as far as quality

and as far as stars being able to perform up to the level of choreography," Kocher said. "It was a really enjoyable evening from start to finish."

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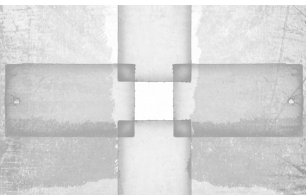
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TRACK AND FIELD

K-State to compete in Big 12 Indoor Championships

After a successful showing at the KSU Open, several athletes stand out on the way to the championships

Adam Suderman
staff writer

Sarah Kolmer

The K-State women's track and field team has had a freshman influence this season and it has provided the Wildcats with several bright moments in competition.

The youth within the program has K-State coaches excited for the future. However, the opportunity to win conference championships exists now.

Freshman Sarah Kolmer has stepped in and filled an important role for the Wildcats.

Kolmer has been a part of the women's 4x400 meter relay in several meets this season. In most cases, she has run the opening leg of the race.

K-State head coach Cliff Rovelto says that her ability has proven to be important.

"In terms of the 4x4, she's a good part of that," Rovelto said. "We don't have very many girls that we could lead off and that we can trust to have us where we need to be. When she has led off, she's done a fantastic job."

College track provides new challenges for any competitor, including Kolmer, who is working with multiple events.

"With the multi-events, I've had to learn shot put, high jump — I've never had to run an 800 before, never hurdled before," Kolmer said. "The competitiveness and training at a really high level has benefited me."

In last weekend's KSU Open, Kolmer ran the women's 600-yard run for the first time ever and will be running this race again at this weekend's Big 12 Conference Indoor Championships. Kolmer took first in the 600 at the KSU Open, running it in 1:24.51.

"We think that she's capable of making the final [in the 600]," Rovelto said. "Once you get to the final, we'll see what happens, but I do think she's capable of running pretty fast."

Erik Kynard

Realizing there is always an opportunity for improvement has been important for K-State junior high jumper Erik Kynard.

Kynard has had several first-place finishes, but he sees much more that he can accomplish.

"I don't necessarily look at the good," Kynard said. "I look at what I do wrong, that way I do more right next time. I'm not a very content person and you can't be in life at all. As far as highlights, I don't think I've had any highlights in my career yet."

Competing in an event like high jump can require not only a great deal of physical ability, but mental as well.

"High jump is as much mental as it is physical," Kynard said. "It's determined by me. If I hit the bar it's my fault. It's not that someone beat me, it's that I beat myself. Even when I'm not at my best, there is no question of what the outcome should be besides victory."



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Kynard has a season high jump of 7-7, which he has jumped twice this season in three meets total. The junior will be looking for his second consecutive national championship.

Rovelto said Kynard's understanding and awareness of what got him to this point has been important.

"Sometimes people kind of lose track of what really is important when good things start happening," Rovelto said. "You've got to do what you've always done to get to that point, but you have to do it better. That's impressive for a young kid. It's easy to say and you think 'what's the big deal,' and a lot of kids find a way to screw it up and he hasn't."

Boglarka Bozzay

Bozzay's race brings many thrills, but what trumps that excitement is winning every individual race through a season. K-State senior Boglarka Bozzay has done just that.

Bozzay capped off the regular season at the Nebraska Tune-Up on Feb. 17, by breaking the school record in the women's 800-meter dash with a time of 2:05.16.

Bozzay has been winning in commanding fashion as well, with her average margin of victory at more than six seconds.

Assistant track coach and head cross country coach Michael Smith said that it has taken a little time for Bozzay to reach this point, but he never doubted her ability.

"Four years ago when she arrived, it was obvious that she had ability," Smith said. "She had some time off from training and there was a process to get her back to the type of fitness level that she needed for the Big 12 level and the NCAA level."

Competition and mental preparation helped guide Bozzay to new heights within her college career.

"Once she figured that she could compete at this level, she started to emerge and develop into the type of athlete that we knew she could be when we first had her," Smith said. "This year, she has had a very mature attitude and I'd say that her maturity has

led to the things she is doing now."

Although holding the new school record, Bozzay sees more opportunities for improvement.

"I think it could be better," Bozzay said. "I did it totally by myself. So far I have been [to] a very competitive meet so it wasn't very hard to win. From now on it's getting more and more serious so I can never lose my focus and I really want to make nationals and finals."

For Rovelto, progression and finding ways to continually improve remains the focus for Bozzay's performance.

"She's worked hard and each year she has made progress," Rovelto said. "She and Mike [Smith] have both felt there have been races that she could have run better in the past, where she might have run faster in the past. She didn't and now she's starting to do that and that's what really matters."

Team profile

Heading into the Big 12 Conference Indoor Championships, K-State's men's track and field team are No. 14 in the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association rankings, while the women are ranked No. 37.

Competition will be high at the championships as, on the women's side, five teams ranked in the top 13. Texas A&M and Kansas are ranked fifth and seventh nationally, respectively. A little bit farther down, Texas sits at No. 11, Texas Tech at No. 12 and Iowa State at No. 13 in the country. The Big 12 women have the most ranked teams



along with the Pac-12 and the Southeastern Conference.

On the men's side, Texas A&M and Texas lead the conference ranked third and fifth, respectively.

K-State is one of three schools in the conference with an athlete ranked among the Top 10 in the NCAA in the pentathlon and heptathlon.

Senior Ryann Kraus is ranked No. 4 in the pentathlon with her season best score of 4,074 points while senior Mantas Silkauskas is No. 7 in the heptathlon after posting 5,780 points. Both scores came at the Bill Bergan Invitational at Iowa State University earlier this season.

Kraus is ranked as the top athlete in the women's pentathlon and looks for her first indoor Big 12 title after finishing second last season. Silkauskas is the top Big 12 athlete in the men's heptathlon and men's 60-meter hurdles this season.

Freshman high jumper Alyx Treasure is yet another Wildcat who holds the high-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

K-State 'most exciting place'

K-Staters,

We recently attended a Kansas State men's basketball game against Oklahoma on Jan. 28. It was my first time back to Manhattan since graduating from K-State more than 30 years ago. We drove eight hours to get to Manhattan. What a great experience we had. First we toured the campus Alumni Center, (what a beautiful building), the K-State Student Union and drove around the campus. Then, of course, we had to go to Aggieville to have a bite to eat. After that we went to Bramlage Coliseum. Upon entering we were greeted with a big smile and a thank you for coming from a K-State person. What a nice thing — in all the years and hundreds of games I have attended I have never had anyone greet me and thank me for coming. The student section was awesome. They create an atmosphere that is unparalleled in college sports. Along with all the season ticket holders, alumni and fans that attend K-State basketball games, it is the most exciting place to be in the country. I attended school when Jack Hartman was the coach and it seems like coach Martin has brought back the toughness and winning attitude K-Staters come to expect. How lucky you are to attend K-State athletic events — it is something that is never forgotten. Once a K-Stater always a K-Stater.

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REBOUNDING

No. 1 in the Big 12

DURING BIG 12

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LEADING SCORER

Rodney McGruder

14.9 points per game

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LEADING IN ASSISTS

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OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Jamar Samuels

2.8 per game

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20-8, 10-5 Big 12

BIG 12 RANKING

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SCORING OFFENSE

No. 5 in the Big 12

SCORING DEFENSE

No. 6 in the Big 12

REBOUNDING

No. 5 in the Big 12

DURING BIG 12

3-4 on the road

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After two straight road wins, Wildcats prepare for Cyclones



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After being tripped up by Texas A&M on Feb. 4, junior guard **Rodney McGruder** loses a shoe in the second half but continues to play. The Wildcats won in Bramlage Coliseum 63-54.

Jared Brown
staff writer

Coming off back-to-back road wins against top ten teams, the K-State men's basketball team will try to carry that momentum into Saturday's game as they return to the Octagon of Doom to take on the Iowa State Cyclones for the second time this season.

After knocking off Baylor and Missouri on the road, K-State head coach Frank Martin knows the Wildcats can't afford to drop a home game Saturday against the Cyclones.

"We have to win at home," Martin said in a press conference Thursday night. "We've lost three times here this year. It's unacceptable. All three games we were right there and we just didn't get it done. You can't lose at home. If you want to be a good team, you can't lose at home."

The last time the two teams met, Iowa State stole a win from the Wildcats after K-State had built up a lead of as much as 14 points. Sophomore forward Royce White hit a jumper from the baseline with 1.8 seconds left to seal a 72-70 victory for the Cyclones in Ames, Iowa.

"Iowa State is a problem," Martin said. "Iowa State is a very good basketball team. They've got guys that have been around. [Scott] Christopherson is a fifth-year senior. Chris Allen is a fifth-year senior. Royce White is a third-year sophomore. Chris Babb is a fourth-year junior. They've got guys who have played major basketball and have played major minutes and are extremely experienced. We have to deal with that. They're real good. Offensively, they are extremely efficient. We've got our hands full."

The Wildcats are coming off two key wins that have helped K-State build a strong tournament resume, but Martin isn't focused

on March Madness in the middle of February. In the past five seasons, the Wildcats have played well in February and carried that momentum into the final parts of the season.

"The kids are staying the course," Martin said. "They aren't deviating from the mission, regardless of what the score in other games have been. Even though we've lost some hard-fought games, the willingness to stay the course, to maintain who we are and what we are trying to build, and to not lose confidence — that's what I'm the proudest of. You can control who you are every day and I couldn't be prouder of how our guys have maintained that focus."

In his win Tuesday night against No. 3 Missouri in Columbia, Mo., K-State got key contributions from freshman forward Thomas Gipson as he scored 13 points in 19 minutes.

"The flight back was a good feeling," Gipson said. "To go in Columbia and win, the ride back everybody was smiling. everybody was happy."

Senior forward Jamar Samuels earned his 11th career double-double against Missouri as he scored 11 points and added 11 rebounds in 36 minutes played. In his final season for the Wildcats, Samuels said he recognizes that it is important for K-State to play its best basketball now.

"It feels good," Samuels said. "The fact that everybody doubted us at the beginning of the season and even a couple weeks ago everyone was doubting us. This team can prove the world wrong."

With the season winding down and only three games remaining in the regular season, Martin remains consistent in stressing the importance of each individual on this team.

"It's all about doing your job," Martin said. "You have to help your team during the course of the year and being unselfish during all times. It's not about you or I, it's about us, and that's what we try to focus on."

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K-State hopes to sweep series against Missouri

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

The women's basketball team hits the road for Columbia, Mo., Saturday afternoon as the Wildcats take on the Missouri Tigers, the first of their two-game streak on the road.

The last time the two teams met up, K-State (18-9, 9-6 Big 12 Conference) came away with a huge 72-46 victory over the Tigers (11-15, 1-14), and the Wildcats have high hopes of sweeping the series.

While Missouri is 1-14 in Big 12 Conference play, Patterson said the Tigers have improved significantly since the first time the two teams met up in January.

Missouri beat the Jayhawks at Kansas last Saturday, and recently took Iowa State into an overtime battle, despite coming away with a loss.

"It's a quality team," Patterson said. "They just continue to get better and we're going to have to rebound and really bring a good game to the floor headed on the road in Big 12 play."

While K-State is hot off of a 53-50 win over Oklahoma State, a win that allowed them to hold their position at third place in the Big 12, road games will always pose their challenges in the conference.

Leading the Tigers on the court is Christine Flores, who averages 17.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. Flores sits at second in the

Big 12 in points scored per game.

Also a force for the Tigers is BreAnna Brock who has averaged 13.6 points per game and holds the team's highest 7.8 rebounds per game. Brock sits at sixth in the Big 12 with her rebound average.

"They kind of continue to improve through the course of the season," Patterson said about Missouri's key players. "I think they're playing to their strengths, you know, they've got a core."

While junior guard Brittany Chambers continues to lead the Wildcats in scoring averaging 15.1 points and 6.2 rebounds per game, following closely behind her is senior forward Jalana Childs averaging 13.9 points and five rebounds per game.

In the past four games, Childs has carried the Wildcats, averaging almost 17 points each game since the Wildcats took on Kansas.

A compound effort from Childs and Chambers will be key in the success of the Wildcats this weekend.

"That win against KU is really legit," Patterson said about Missouri's recent strength in previous games. "They took Iowa State down into overtime last night on the road, and had no opportunities on the foul line and still made it an unbelievably close game. So welcome to Big 12 basketball, where nobody stops playing."

The game is set to tip off at 12 p.m. and will be broadcast online on the K-State Sports Network.



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Junior guard **Mariah White** drives in for a 2-point layup against Oklahoma State on Wednesday night in Bramlage Coliseum.

Gipson's strength adds valuable element to K-State's front line

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Throughout Frank Martin's five-year tenure as head coach of the K-State men's basketball program, he has built the team's foundation on two key principles: his players are going to rebound and his players are going to defend.

Freshman forward Thomas Gipson fits the personality and the physique that Martin wants to use for K-State's front line. Standing at 6-foot-7-inches and weighing 275 pounds, Gipson carries a strong presence in the paint for the Wildcats.

Gipson, a Cedar Hill, Texas, native, was rated as the No. 24 power forward as well as the No. 147 player in the country, according to Rivals.com.

The freshman was a four-year letterman at Cedar Hill High School and guided the Mustangs to a 33-4 overall record during his senior season. That season included a District 5-5A title.

Gipson averaged 15 points per game and scored in double figures in 32 out of the 37 games played during his senior season.

Jumping into Big 12 Conference basketball has its challenges, but Gipson said having upper-classmen in the lineup through the process has been an important part of the season.

Senior forward Jamar Samuels and junior center Jordan Henriquez have both spent at least three seasons at K-State and have assisted Gipson through his freshman season.

"They've been preparing for me a lot of different things that have come ahead of me," Gipson said. "Practicing against [Henriquez] three hours strong, that's playing against length. Playing against Jamar, that's a skilled athlete that can move so I get both sides of both worlds and it's a good experience. They help me; they tell me what I need to do."

The rebounding focus in K-State's program has provided Gipson with the atmosphere that he was looking for heading into



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Freshman forward **Thomas Gipson** jogs across the court during the Wildcats' game against Texas Tech in Bramlage Coliseum on Feb. 7.

his freshman season.

"I like it because really, throughout my entire basketball career, I've been around coaches that are like that," Gipson said. "It's good and it helps me, it helps a lot."

Gipson opened up the season with several big performances, including 15 points and 10 rebounds against West Virginia and also a 23-point, 12-rebound performance against North Florida.

Finding offensive rhythm within Big 12 play has been a bit of a struggle, but Gipson is staying the course.

"Really, my main focus is to rebound and just to box out the main guy," Gipson said. "No matter if I get it, Jamar or J.O. [Henriquez] will end up getting it just because I'm boxing out the main guy. Through offense, I still got to get deeper in the post and get closer to the paint and just make the shot."

Against Missouri on Tuesday, Gipson was able to put together one of his stronger performances in conference play, totaling 13 points and three rebounds.

"Missouri doesn't have a lot of size and they aren't real deep so

they have to be careful," said K-State head coach Frank Martin. "Gipson was able to get some deeper post-ups then maybe what he had been getting. We put it on him when he was in there."

Gipson shot 6-7 from the field and the high percentage shooting was a definite positive.

"He did a better job of his post-ups being deeper in the floor, so he doesn't need as much dribble to get into a shot," Martin said. "He was efficient. He jumped up and made some shots. Give him credit that regardless of some his struggles, he hasn't lost that faith and continues to work. As a freshman that is sometimes hard to do."

Gipson has a bright future in college basketball, but that hasn't taken away from enjoying the present.

"Throughout the Big 12, I just like traveling and going to away games, looking at the atmosphere and absorbing it," Gipson said. "You really don't get experiences like that and I'm very blessed and thankful for every day I've gotten right now. I just need to continue to move forward."

Staying the course: Martin's philosophy on coaching

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A receiver in football cannot begin running with the ball until he has secured the catch, a shortstop in baseball cannot throw a runner out until he has fielded the ball toward him, and Frank Martin cannot and will not allow himself to focus on anything but the task ahead.

The old adage "don't get ahead of yourself" is more than a cliché saying for Martin; it is a part of the foundation he has been laying for the K-State basketball program since his arrival in 2006.

Do not focus any more, any less, or upon anything else other than the task ahead.

It may sound like a Chinese proverb, but it is what Martin tries to get his players to believe in.

"I say this all the time and people look at me like I have six heads. We don't practice any differently whether we are preparing for North Florida or Charleston Southern," Martin said after his team's win over the No. 3 Missouri Tigers. "I'm a believer, if you start changing how you approach, then your kids will say, 'Tomorrow's game the coaches think is easy, so we don't have to play as hard.' That goes against what we preach."

The message must have recently hit the Wildcats harder than Linsanity has hit the entire world.

After losing four of six games including letting double-digit leads slip away against Iowa State and Texas, the Wildcats' post-season future began to shift away from the NCAA tournament.

According to an article on ESPN.com by Jason King, Martin said after the Wildcats' win over Missouri that it was he, not the players, who needed picked up after the home loss to KU.

Talk about a role reversal.

"But then I stepped onto the court and the kids got me going," Martin told ESPN.com on Tuesday. "It was their enthusiasm. They were so tuned in and so competitive. It made me realize just how lucky I am to get to coach those guys every day."

While fans and analysts began to map out what games the Wildcats needed to win to get off the bubble, Martin focused on the next task at hand — Baylor — and it paid off.

"I think a lot of times in today's day and age, we all give in to public perception. Because of social media, we start listening to all the wrong people rather than the people that you should be listening to and that's a challenge for kids," Martin said in a press

conference Thursday. "I'm a grown-up, I understand that a little bit better. That's what I'm proudest about right now, even though we lost some hard fought games, the willingness to stay the course, to maintain what we're trying to build and who we are and to not lose confidence. Sometimes we all get wrapped up in the score of the game, rather than everything that goes into that."

Putting the earplugs in while ESPN's Bracketology and tournament talk gets louder every building up to March may be one of Martin's greatest attributes leading to his team's uncanny success during the month of February.

Martin's 27-10 (.730) February record as head coach of the Wildcats includes three Top 10 victories in the last two seasons.

The last four years have been even more outstanding for the Wildcats as they hold a 23-5 (.821) record in February, including 13-2 (.867) at Bramlage Coliseum.

"We focus for this time of year, that's what we prepare for. We don't deviate from our mission in November and December," Martin said.

Martin said that all of the things he does early in the season are for a reason — like the frequent substitutions that wear on the eardrums of fans listening to the buzzer constantly signaling another player to come in.

"We've got to do some things sometimes early in the year that I don't want to do to make sure we create the mindset to be rock solid at this time of the year," Martin said. "No rhyme or reason, it's just the way I've done it for 16 years in high school and the five years I've been the head coach here. So, for 21 years of my career that's how I've done it and usually at this time of year our teams are pretty good."

"Pretty good" may be an understatement. The last two wins made K-State history, as no Wildcat team had ever defeated Top-10 teams in back-to-back games.

The Wildcats, currently at 4-2 during this month, could finish the month at 6-2 (.750) with wins over Iowa State and Texas A&M and keep the February prosperity they are accustomed to.

With a win Saturday, the Wildcats, currently two games behind the fourth place Cyclones, could also position themselves to finish in the top four of the Big 12 Conference standings for the fifth time under Martin.

Not that he is worried or possibly even aware of it — however, first things first. The task ahead.

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